

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Singapore

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Singapore to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Ideally, June/July; depart: June/July of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Three FAOs per year are attached to USDAO Singapore for ICT. A robust travel schedule and scholarly research are the heart of this ICT program. The FAOs obtain Visiting Researcher status at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), the premier security, economic, and social issues academic "think tank" in Southeast Asia. They are expected to produce a working paper prior to departure. Singapore's central location and modern transportation facilities enhance conduct of regional travel.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Malaysia/ Indonesia/ Vietnamese/Chinese language DLPT scores of 2/2/2 (English is common language).

b. Transportation: FAOs are not authorized to ship a POV. Mass transit is sufficient.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing: Local economy; FAO receives OHA and COLA. Apartments are spacious. FAO should bring approximately \$3000 for initial deposit. FAOs can arrange for Advanced Rent and Initial Deposit funds through JFSC, Hanover, MD.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: U.S. military medical and dental clinic at Sembawang provides routine care. If treatment beyond routine care is required, services will be provided at Gleneagles, a high quality local hospital.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Available at the Singapore American School, a highly regarded primary and secondary institution. School year is Sep through Jun. Incoming FAOs with school age children should advise in-country sponsors as early as possible as some ages must be placed on waiting list for spaces at the American School. Embassy students are not guaranteed spaces at the school.

(3) PX/Commissary: A small Navy Exchange is located near the U.S military housing area in Sembawang. All modern conveniences and necessary items are available on the economy.

(4) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy and at Sembawang. Normal postal regulations for size and weight apply.

(5) Entertainment: There is an MWR officer located at Sembawang that provides low-cost tickets to local events, as well as two MWR-supported clubs providing American-style dining.

g. Rating Chain:

Rater: ARMA
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h. FAOs in training/Programmed:

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3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve to keep FAOs current on U.S doctrine.

b. FAOs should bring a complete array of military uniforms. Suit/coat and tie required for social functions. Minimum level of dress when working at the Embassy is dress slacks and shirt with tie.

c. Regional Travel Priorities:

- (1) Priority one: Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia
- (2) Priority two: Philippines, Vietnam, Burma, and China
- (3) Priority three: Japan, Laos, and Cambodia.

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